

# THE PATRIOT

21 SEPTEMBER 2007



... FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIVED THROUGH THESE  
EVENTS, THE ONLY MARKER WE'LL EVER NEED IS  
THE TICK OF A CLOCK AT THE 46TH MINUTE OF  
THE EIGHTH HOUR OF THE 11TH DAY

- PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH



## REMEMBERING SEPT. 11TH

## TAKE NOTE

*OCS Battalion change of command*

The 200th Regiment's 2nd OCS Battalion had a change of command ceremony on 9 Sept. at Fort McClellan. LTC William Sellers (Outgoing) relinquished command of the 2nd OCS Battalion to LTC James Hawkins (Incoming).

*279th Sig BN receives Meritorious Unit Commendation*

Bravo Company 279th Signal Battalion was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation during a Unit Award Ceremony held Friday Sept. 14, at Guntersville High School. The unit received the award for its meritorious service and exceptional communications in support of Task Force Danger as part of the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, from 2004 to 2005.

*Marriage enrichment seminar*

The State Family Program office is planning a Strong Bonds Marriage Enrichment Seminar for 21-23 September. During the seminar, topics such as communication, problem-solving, and reintegration are discussed. These seminars are an all-expense-paid weekend in which National Guard couples can refocus on their relationship after a deployment. All attendees must be confirmed NLT 20 July. Point of contact for this event is CW5 Missildine, SFPO, (334) 271-7283 or 1-800-231-2846 or Cpt. Wyly H. Collins, Chaplain,

*Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede salutes the heroes*

A special invitation for members of the active duty military, national guard and reserves, retired military and veterans to enjoy complimentary admission to attend Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede in Orlando, FL. The free admission offer applies to Sunday and Wednesday performances during the month of September only. Any additional guests must pay the current military rate. Reservations can be made by calling 1-866-443-4943. Please mention this special offer and don't forget to bring valid identification.

*Fund-raising golf tournament*

Still Serving Veterans of Huntsville is sponsoring its annual fund-raising golf tournament on Oct. 5. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by a Shotgun Start beginning at 9 a.m. Werner Baker, Executive Coordinator of SSV is seeking 8-10 wounded veterans throughout Alabama that desire to attend the tournament, as either players or observers. Expenses for these wounded veterans will be covered by SSV. The tournament will be held at the Cherokee Ridge Golf Course. For sponsorship questions please contact Lana Ritch: lritch@knology.net; (256) 539-5959.

*115th Sig Bn receives Meritorious Unit Award*

Alpha Company 115th Signal Battalion will be awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation during a Unit Award Ceremony scheduled for Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the University of North Alabama, Norton Hall. The unit will receive the award for its meritorious service and unequalled signal support of Task Force Danger as part of the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, from 2004 to 2005.

*877th Engineer Bn change of command*

The 877th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) is scheduled to undergo a change of command between LTC John B. Hall (Outgoing Commander) and LTC David L. Ward (Incoming Commander). The ceremony is slated for Oct. 13, at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton National Guard Armory.

*Military Police Co to receive Unit Commendation*

The 1166th Military Police Company is scheduled to receive a Meritorious Unit Commendation Oct. 28, at 1 p.m., at the Fort Cobb Armory during a unit award ceremony. The unit will receive the award for its service during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2004.

*COLUMBUS DAY**OCTOBER 8, 2007*



*"Duty, honor, country:  
those three hallowed  
words reverently dictate  
what you ought to be,  
what you can be, what  
you will be"*

General Douglas MacArthur

Story and Photos by:

Sgt. Katrina F. Timmons

September 11th 2007 marked the sixth anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks against the United States; a day that has forever changed the world we live in.

"I will never forget seeing the Pentagon on fire," said Gov. Bob Riley, reflecting on his memory of 9/11.



It's been six years. The debris has been removed and the smoke has long since cleared, but the memory of that day will never be forgotten.

Gov. Riley celebrated Patriot's Day 2007 by honoring the men and women of the Alabama National Guard. Twenty-seven Army National Guard enlistees took their Oath of Enlistment read by Gov. Riley himself.

"I respect and admire you for joining," said Gov. Riley. "I am never more proud of the state of Alabama than when I visit troops."

"Every governor believes his state is the most patriotic, but they're wrong, Alabama is," Gov. Riley explained proudly.

After the enlistees were sworn in, the 151st Army Band played the *Army Song* with a loud and thunderous explosion of patriotism.



Gov. Bob Riley reads the ARNG Oath of Enlistment to 27 new recruits.



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## *Oh Hail oh Hail oh Infantry*

# Co C, 167th INFANTRY



Mr. Byron White, President of the Blue Star Salute Foundation Incorporated, presented Co C, 1/167th Infantry with a flag reading "WE HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE."

Story by/Photos by:

Mr. Norman Arnold/LTC Robert M. Horton

More than 350 family members and supporters paid tribute to members of Co. C, 1/167<sup>th</sup> Infantry at a departure ceremony held at Camp Shelby, Miss. on Sept. 20. Two days later, the unit departed for up to 12 months of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The nearly 200 unit members had been in intensive training at Camp Shelby since June. While in Iraq, the unit will provide security to military and civilian contractor convoys. They will also be tasked to provide security at military installations and other fixed facilities in the country.

During a brief departure ceremony, the unit's Family Group was presented a special flag by members of the Blue Star Foundation of Alabama. The flag has the words "We Salute Those Who Serve" sewn on the flag. Brig Gen. Frank Speed, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, took part in the program. The ceremony was followed by a picnic for the unit members, their families and special guests.

The unit is a composite unit with members coming from all units of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 167<sup>th</sup> Infantry. The unit is carrying the colors of Company C, 1/167<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Cullman.





# 187TH FIGHTER WING

## BEGINS NEW CHAPTER

## IN HISTORY

Story and Photos by:

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The 187th Fighter Wing made history Thursday, Sept. 13, by joining forces with the Air Force. Airmen from the 187th FW will work together with active component Airmen from Maxwell Air Force Base under a new association. General T. Michael Moseley, Air Force Chief of Staff, made the announcement during a ceremony at Maxwell Air Force Base.

During the ceremony, the 160th Fighter Squadron of the 187th FW was inactivated and the 100th Fighter Squadron was reactivated. The 100th Fighter Squadron is historically known as the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II.

The Tuskegee Airmen's trademark was symbolized by the red tails painted on their fighter jets. The 100th FS will keep the tradition alive and fly its F-16 fighter jets with the red tail trademark.

Senator Jeff Sessions and Governor Bob Riley expressed their enthusiasm and excitement for the state of Alabama and its involvement with the Air Force's Total Force Integration plan.





## 2007 ANNUAL CHAPLAIN'S WORKSHOP



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Alabama Army and Air National Guard chaplains met at Ft. McClellan recently



Major General John M. White, Alabama Air National Guard Commander speaks at the 2007 Chaplain's conference on the importance of a chaplain's role in the overall success of the Alabama National Guard's Mission.

for the 2007 Annual Chaplain's workshop. The three day workshop focused on such issues as combat stress, post traumatic stress disorder, compassion fatigue and the importance of "battlemind" skills.

The main focus is PTSD, said Chaplain LTC Thomas C. Waynick, director of the U.S. Army Family Life Training Program, "We must equip chaplains with the knowledge and understanding to help people with combat stress so PTSD doesn't develop, identify the symptoms, and to do our part as pastoral care givers."

Waynick then walked the class through the science of PTSD and the neurobiology of stress. He explained the different experiences one can go through that could potentially lead to PTSD. Most experiences discussed where

real life events either through personal experience or through the experiences of soldiers he had counseled.

Once the chaplains knew how PTSD is formed, it was time to discuss what to do when it walks through your door. Chaplain Maj. Richard D. Garvey, Fort Benning Family Life Chaplain, led the class through a series of power-point slides discussing how to care for soldiers with PTSD.

Eloquently he explained that chaplains must build relationships with soldiers in order to enhance communication. "Be compassionate, hospitable, sympathetic and empathetic. Reconnect them with God and constantly be a beacon of hope," said Garvey.

Cpt. Jacob A. Clement, Chaplain for the Headquarters and Headquarters De-

tachment 1/131st Aviation Battalion, strongly encouraged the importance of counselor support. Clement emotionally reflected on the loss of four Arkansas National Guard soldiers who lost their lives when their Blackhawk helicopter crashed. The fallen soldiers were from the 1/185th Aviation Regiment from Camp Robinson, Ark. The 1/131st Aviation Reg and the 1/185th Aviation Reg deployed together in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Clement returned to the U.S. less than two weeks prior to the workshop.

With a compassionate nature and God given calling to a much needed purpose, the chaplains and chaplain's assistances were able to minister to one another the importance of their calling and the pride that comes with being a care giver in the United States Armed Forces.

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### NOTICE

THE ALABAMA GUARDSMAN is not being published while the 131st MPAD is deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We are now seeking items about units and individuals across the state for possible inclusion in THE PATRIOT. The Alabama National Guard has a proud legacy of service and we need your help to tell that story. Contact SGT Katrina F. Timmons at (334) 270-2959 or by email at [katrina.timmons1@us.army.mil](mailto:katrina.timmons1@us.army.mil).

LTC ROBERT HORTON / Public Affairs Officer

# Welcome Romanian Delegates

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Four Romanian delegates met with members of the Alabama Army and Air National Guard in an effort to develop a nation wide family support program for the Romanian Armed Forces.

"Their family support program is less than two years old and it's the first year that the Romanian Ministry of Defense has implemented a



Chaplain LTC Robert Hicks, Wing Chaplain for the 187th Tactical Fighter Squadron, briefs the Romanian delegates on the Air National Guard's chaplain ministry and family readiness program.

Family Readiness Program for the families of their soldiers, sailors and airmen," explained Cpt. Wyly H. Collins, State Chaplain. "It is really a privilege to be involved with them in this pivotal time in their nation's history."

The delegation was composed of the Staff Chaplain to the Romanian General Staff and three Family Support Officers representing the Romanian Army, Navy and Air Force. The delegates were briefed by a representative from the U.S. Army and Air National Guard, Active Army and Air Force, and the Navy and Army Reserve.

Each representative was given an opportunity to discuss its Family Support Program, organizational structure and mission, staff requirements and duties, chaplain support, Family Support Program start up operations, coordination with unit commanders, services and support equipment, and an overview of support provided to deployed personnel and their families.



*For Those We Lost,  
We shall not forget*



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SGT. Aubrey D. Bell, 33, of Tuskegee, AL. (Iraq) 27 October 2003



SPC. Paul J. Bueche, 19, of Daphne, AL. (Iraq) 21 October 2003



SGT. John E. McGee, 36, of Columbus, GA. (Iraq) 5 May 2005



SPC. Christopher Taylor, 25, of Daphne, AL. (Iraq) 16 February 2004

## GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD



SSG. Phillip Travis, 41, of Brewton, AL. (Iraq) 6 December 2005



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## MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD



SSG. Tommy S. Little, 45, of Aliceville, AL. (Iraq) 2 May 2005

## ARMY



SSG. George Alexander, 34, Clanton, AL. (Iraq) 25 October 2005



SGM. Barbaralien Banks, 41, of Camden, AL. (Afghanistan) 6 April 2005



CPT. Donnie R. Belser, 28, of Anniston, AL. (Iraq) 10 February 2007



PFC. Stephen Bicknell, 19, of Prattville, AL. (Iraq) 15 October 2006



SPC. Matthew T. Bolar, 24, of Montgomery, AL. (Iraq) 3 May 2007



PVT. Michael P. Bridges, 23, Oxford, AL. (Iraq) 2 November 2006

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SSG. Scottie L. Bright, 36, of Montgomery, AL. (Iraq) 5 July 2005



SSG. William J. Brooks, 30, of Birmingham, AL. (Iraq) 3 May 2005



SSG. Harrison Brown, 31, of Prichard, AL. (Iraq) 8 April 2007



PFC. John E. Brown, 21, of Troy, AL. (Iraq) 14 April 2003

SGT. William E. Brown, 25, or Phil Campbell, AL. (Iraq) 23 June 2007 (Photo not available)



SPC Ahmed A. Cason, 24, of McCalla, AL. (Iraq) 7 April 2004



SPC. Andrew F. Chris, 25, of Huntsville, AL. (Iraq) 25 June 2003



SGT. Timothy M. Conneway, 22, of Enterprise, AL. (Iraq) 28 June 2003



SGT. Eric D. Cottrell, 39, of Pittsview, AL. (Iraq) 13 August 2007



1LT. Joseph D. DeMoors, 36, of Jefferson, AL. (Iraq) 10 January 2006

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SSG. Jefferey J. Farrow, 28, of Birmingham, AL. (Iraq) 19 July 2005



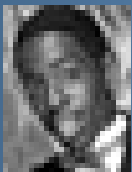
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SPC. Joseph A. Gilmore, 26, of Hartford, AL. (Iraq) 19 May 2007  
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SPC. Richard Gilmore III, 22, of Jasper, AL. (Iraq) 18 July 2007  
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SPC. Steven R. Givens, 26, of Mobile, AL. (Iraq) 8 May 2005



SGT. Curtis E. Glawson, Jr. 24, of Daleville, AL. (Iraq) 20 March 2007



SGT. Brandon E. Hadaway, 25, of Valley, AL. (Afghanistan) 30 May 2007



SPC. Charles G. Haight, 23, of Jacksonville, AL. (Iraq) 26 December 2003

PFC. James J. Harrelson, 19, of Dadeville, AL. (Iraq) 17 July 2007  
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CW2. Brian D. Hazelgrove, 29, of Ft. Rucker, AL. (Iraq) 23 January 2004



SPC. Stephen D. Hiller, 25, of Opelika, AL. (Iraq) 4 April 2004



MSG. Kenneth E. Hunt, Jr., 40, of Eufaula, AL. (Iraq) 14 October 2005



SGT. Troy D. Jenkins, 25, of Evergreen, AL. (Iraq) 24 April 2003



PFC. Howard Johnson II, 21, of Mobile, AL. (Iraq) 23 March 2003



CWO Philip A. Johnson, Jr., 31, of Mobile, AL. (Iraq) 8 January 2004



SGT. Jason D. Jordan, 24, of Elba, AL. (Iraq) 20 July 2003



1SG. Charles M. King, 48, of Mobile, AL. (Iraq) 14 October 2006



SPC. Cedric L. Lennon, 32, of West Blocton, AL. (Iraq) 24 June 2003

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SPC James T. Lindsey, 20, of Florence, AL (Iraq) 12 April 2007



SSG Nino D. Livaudais, 23, of Ft. Mitchell, AL (Iraq) 3 April 2003



SPC Jon-Erik Loney, 21, of Hartselle, AL (Iraq) 28 November 2006



SSG Robert L. Love, Jr., 28, of Livingston, AL (Iraq) 11 December 2006



1LT Scott Love, 32, of Huntsville, AL (Iraq) 7 June 2006



SPC Christopher Mason, 32, of Mobile, AL (Iraq) 28 November 2006



SGT Jean P. Medlin, 27, of Pelham, AL (Iraq) 19 May 2007



PVT Johnathon M. Millican, 20, Trafford, AL (Iraq) 20 January 2007

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SSG Travis Nelson, 41, of Cullman, AL (Iraq) 10 December 2005



CWO Mark S. O'Steen, 43, of Ft. Rucker, AL (Afghanistan) 20 January 2003



SFC Lonnie J. Parson, 39, of Baldwin County, AL (Iraq) 7 September 2005



SGT Kenya Parker, 26, of Fairfield, AL (Iraq) 30 April 2005



SGT Carlos Pernell, 25, of Prattville, AL (Iraq) 6 June 2006



PVT Kelley S. Prewitt, 24, of Center Point, AL (Iraq) 6 April 2003



SGT Marqueses A. Quick, 28, of Hoover, AL (Iraq) 19 August 2006



CPT Robert C. Scheetz, Jr., 31 of Dothan, AL (Iraq) 31 May 2004



SSG Christopher J. Schornak, 28, of Hoover, AL (Iraq) 26 February 2006



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SSG Robert C. Thornton, Jr., 35 of Rainbow City, AL (Iraq) 23 August 2004



SGT Tamara C. Thurman, 25, of Brewton, AL (Pentagon) 11 September 2001



SPC Brian A. Vaughn, 23, of Pell City, AL (Iraq) 21 June 2005



SGT Charles J. Webb, 22, of Alexandria, AL (Iraq) 4 November 2004



CW5 Jamie D. Weeks, 47, of Daleville, AL (Iraq) 14 May 2006



SFC Stephen J. White, 39, of Talladega, AL (Iraq) 5 January 2006



MAJ Dwayne Williams, 40, of Jacksonville, AL (Pentagon) 11 September 2001



SFC Christopher R. Willoughby, 29, of Phenix City, AL (Iraq) 20 July 2003



SGT Michael Yashinski, 24, of Irondale, AL (Iraq) 24 December 2003

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CW4 Keith Yoakum, 41, of Coffee Springs, AL (Iraq) 2 February 2007



PVT Justin R. Yoemans, 20, of Eufaula, AL (Iraq) 6 November 2004



SGT Christopher J. Taylor, 22, of Opelika, AL (Iraq) 24 July 2005

**MARINE CORP**



Gunnery SGT Stephen Bryson, 35, of Montgomery, AL (Pakistan) 9 January 2002



CWO Robert William Channell, Jr., 36, of Tuscaloosa, AL (Iraq) 22 April 2003



CPL Matthew Conley, 21, of Greenhill, AL (Iraq) 18 February 2006



Lance CPL Bradley M. Faircloth, 20, of Mobile, AL (Iraq) 26 November 2004

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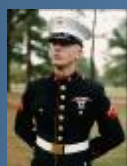
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Lance CPL Jonathan L. Smith, 22, of Eva, AL (Iraq) 6 June 2005



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